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## Saudi Arabia Temporary Ban on Imports from EU Countries

On July 25, 2002, the Saudi Ministry of Commerce (MOC) imposed an immediate temporary ban on imports of poultry and poultry products from the 15 EU member countries because of contamination by synthetic hormones harmful to humans. The MOC decision was reportedly based on EU commission's recent report that indicated that products contaminated with the hormones could cause cancer and impotence in consumers. Qatar also imposed a ban on imports of poultry from Europe.

The Saudi ban will hurt France more than the other EU countries impacted by the ban since France has been the number two supplier of poultry products to Saudi Arabia in recent years. Last year France exported \$13 million in poultry to Saudi Arabia.

The ban on French poultry imports is expected to further increase the Brazilian poultry exports to Saudi Arabia. With more than 60 percent market share in recent years, Brazil has remained the leading supplier of frozen broilers to the Kingdom. China has also entered the market with its own poultry.

Most frozen chicken is produced locally or imported from countries like Saudi Arabia and Brazil.

### Saudi Poultry Imports for CY 2000

Country	Quantity in metric tons
Brazil	207,600
France	112,636
China	17,700
U.S.	7,170
Total	345,106

Source: Brazilian, French and U.S. customs data and French and Chinese business contacts.

Source: USDA/FAS and news reports

## Newcastle Disease in Denmark

Newcastle Disease has been confirmed in Denmark. A 3-kilometer protection zone and a 10 km surveillance zone were established around the affected farms. The outbreaks have been identified predominantly in backyard flocks. Only 8 flocks have more than 1,000 birds each. According to current regulations, an outbreak of Newcastle Disease in five backyard hens can activate a quarantine zone. Larger industrial poultry farms have been affected as farmers within the quarantine zones have had to destroy thousands of healthy chickens because they could not leave the farms for the slaughterhouse. The Danish Poultry Council said the industry was losing up to \$2.6 million per week.

Source: OIE, various news reports

## Mexico: New Requirements for Table Eggs, Poultry and Poultry Products

The Secretariat of Treasury published on May 31, 2002 in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register), the Rules of a General Character in Matters of Foreign Trade for 2002 and its Annexes 2 - 26. This information is contained on Annex 18 of the Annual Fiscal Regulation.

Size	Table Eggs	
	Minimum Net Weight per Unit (Grs.)	Minimum Net Weight per 360 Pieces (Kgs.)
Jumbo	64.0 or more	23.0
Extra Large	60.0 to 63.9	21.6
Large	55.0 to 59.9	19.8
Medium	50.0 to 54.9	18.0
Small from	4.9	Up to 16.2

This resolution in annex 18 also establishes the requirement to furnish additional information for poultry and poultry products being exported to Mexico as follows:

- Description of the merchandise by tariff classification: Meat or edible offals of poultry whole or in pieces, mechanically deboned.
- Product presentation: Fresh, chilled, frozen, salted or in brine.
- In case the product is in brine. Percentage of sodium chloride: proportion of weight, free of skin and bones, of sodium chloride contained in the meat and offals impregnated in all of the muscle mass. Impregnation method employed: if injected or submerged.
- In case the product is salted: Percentage of sodium chloride: proportion of weight, impregnated in all of the muscle mass with sodium chloride free of skin and bones.
- Packing: if merchandise is contained in boxes or combos.
- Identification label: Each box or combo must have a label with characteristics of the merchandise and the lot number corresponding to the production or packing.

For unknown reasons, as of July 26, 2002 this requirement has not been applied by the Mexican customs officials at the border. Should SHCP decide to enforce these regulations, this could potentially result in border problems.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Source: USDA/FAS

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 27, 2002

Year-To-Date

	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	199	335	10,765	6,384
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	0	0	327	40
Total	199	335	11,113	6,502

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 27, 2002

Year-To-Date

	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	193	131	3,777	3,065
Frozen	93	0	2,064	768
Dried	121	16	3,205	325
Total	407	147	9,046	4,158

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 27, 2002

Year-To-Date

	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	1,160	87
Extra Large	920	2,890	15,737	30,306
Large	2,582	3,110	69,585	69,808
Medium	1,315	1,500	29,490	28,348
Ungraded	5,520	12,570	177,785	207,920
Misc	0	2,250	13,062	52,779
Total	10,337	22,320	306,819	389,248

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 27-Jul-02**(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,829	1,536	3,365
LAST WEEK	1,589	1,576	3,165
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,690	1,447	3,137
TO-DATE/2002	53,128	40,500	93,628
TO-DATE/2001	53,273	40,874	94,147

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	302	33	335
LAST WEEK	236	79	315
SAME WEEK YR AGO	403	8	411
TO-DATE/2002	9,407	181	9,588
TO-DATE/2001	13,943	204	14,147

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,131	1,569	3,700
LAST WEEK	1,825	1,655	3,480
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,093	1,455	3,548
TO-DATE/2002	62,535	40,681	103,216
TO-DATE/2001	67,216	41,078	108,294

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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02-AUG-2002  
**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-18.00	-	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.75			
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00	11.00-14.00	1,420,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	11.59		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

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WTD AVERAGE				

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— PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	13.50-15.00	706,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.90	13.90		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	10.50-12.50	1,080,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	11.42		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 AUGUST 2002.**

The undertone on tom necks was barely steady at best with some seller resistance noted at the lower trending price levels. Demand light for the adequate to ample offerings. Tom 2-joint wing undertone was steady to barely steady. Inquiry slow to moderate for the mixed availability. Tom drum undertone was mostly steady. Demand fair to good for the mostly adequate offerings. Tom full-cut wing undertone was at least steady. Some increased confidence was noted tom full-cut wing as some processors divert production to satisfy ground needs resulting in better balanced inventories. Domestic trading light and centered on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts. Fresh wing meat traded at 53-56 mostly 54, ground breast trim +6 months age 80, plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 92, frozen destrapped tenderloins +6 months age 107 cents delivered. Export trading was heavy on thigh meat and moderate on drums. Export demand was fair to good for Russia, balance light to fair. Some exporters were noting increased Russian inquiry for product from other countries for October shipment.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 02, 2002**

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>	<b>WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>WEEKLY VOLUME (000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.46	520	20.35	1,288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.50	208		
TAILS		W	16.00	104	16.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	20.25	40	20.25	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-59.00		48.58	936	51.12	1,520

**THURSDAY AUGUST 01, 2002**

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.50	208
TAILS		W	16.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	20.25		20.25	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-60.00		56.94	144

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2002**

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.50-23.00		20.86	368
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.50	208
TAILS	16.00		16.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	57.29	280

**TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2002**

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	19.72	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.50	208
TAILS		T	15.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-57.50		57.29	280

**MONDAY, JULY 29, 2002**

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.50-20.00		19.72	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.50	208
TAILS		T	15.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00		50.00	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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